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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Box AMENDMENT-FEE Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231-0001

Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2001, the period of response for which is hereby extended by three months to July 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 12/19 and 2/1-22 without disclaimer or prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 25-31.

25 (NEW).

A method for transferring workpieces comprising the steps of:

tetrieving said workpieces from a first station with a robot;

flipping said workpieces over with said robot;

plaking said workpieces on a second station with said robot;

retrieving said workpieces from a third station with said robot; and

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